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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
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AMCONSUL UDORN  
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 7060

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SREF, AS, LA, TH, FR  
SUBJ: LAO CHARGE REQUESTS ADMISSION INTO AUSTRALIA

1. LAO CHARGE KATH DITTHAVONG DEFECTED APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS AGO AND HAS BEEN LIVING QUIETLY IN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN BANGKOK SINCE THEN, TRYING TO ARRANGE TO BE ADMITTED INTO THIRD COUNTRY. A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT IN THE LAO FOREIGN MINISTRY, KATH ADEPTLY SWITCHED SIDES--AT LEAST ON THE SURFACE--WITH THE PL ASSUMPTION OF REAL POWER IN LAOS. AS CHARGE IN BANGKOK HE HAS REMAINED CONSISTENTLY FRIENDLY WITH US AND HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO NOTE THAT HE HAS NEVER BECOME A MEMBER OF THE LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.

2. DESPITE FACT THAT HIS LAST PREVIOUS FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT WAS IN WASHINGTON, KATH HAS NOT APPLIED TO THIS EMBASSY FOR ADMISSION INTO THE U.S. INSTEAD, HE HAS TURNED TO AUSTRALIA, FACT WHICH IS EMBARRASSING AUSTRALIANS GREATLY, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT CAN ONLY SERVE TO COMPOUND PROBLEMS THEY ARE HAVING WITH PDRL ON REQUEST OF ANOTHER FORMER LAO MFA OFFICIAL, CHANSAMONE VONGSAPHAY, TO BE ALSO ADMITTED INTO

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THAT COUNTRY. CANBERRA IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING KATH'S REQUEST, AND AUSTRALIANS WANT NO WORD OF HIS REQUEST TO LEAK OUT IN BANGKOK. THEY WOULD BE JUST AS HAPPY IF KATH WOULD TURN ELSEWHERE, AND FRENCH EMBOFF INDICATES PRIVATELY THAT FRENCH-EDUCATED KATH WOULD MOST LIKELY BE ADMITTED INTO FRANCE SHOULD HE APPLY.

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